

the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim June 2007 as Great Outdoors Month. I call on all Americans to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities and to take time to experience and enjoy the outdoors.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fifth day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.

George W. Bush

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Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

May 19

In the morning, at the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, the President had an intelligence briefing.

May 20

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush welcomed Secretary General Jakob Gijsbert "Jaap" de Hoop Scheffer of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and his wife, Jeannine de Hoop Scheffer-van Oorschot.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush had dinner with Secretary General de Hoop Scheffer and Mrs. de Hoop Scheffer-van Oorschot.

May 21

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki of Iraq. He then had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Secretary General Jakob Gijsbert "Jaap" de Hoop

Scheffer of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush had lunch with Secretary General de Hoop Scheffer and his wife, Jeannine de Hoop Scheffer-van Oorschot.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC. While en route aboard Air Force One, he participated in an interview with Steve Holland of Reuters.

May 22

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Cabinet Room, he met with Republican Members of Congress.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ondray T. Harris to be Director of the Community Relations Service at the Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to nominate Diane Auer Jones to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education at the Department of Education.

The President announced his intention to nominate Anne Woods Patterson to be Ambassador to Pakistan.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael Schwartz to be member at large and Chairman of the Railroad Retirement Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jerome F. Kever to be a member of the Railroad Retirement Board (representing carriers).

The President announced his intention to nominate Virgil M. Speakman, Jr., to be a member of the Railroad Retirement Board (representing employees).

The President announced his intention to appoint Charles E. F. Millard as Interim Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad: Linda Leuchter Addison; Ronald H. Bloom; Amy S. Epstein; Tyrone Fahner; Andrew M. Klein; Michael A. Menis; Warren Lloyd Miller; Harriet Rotter; Steven Edward Some; and Robert Zarnegin.

The President declared a major disaster in South Dakota and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding beginning on May 4 and continuing.

May 23

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with members of the U.S. Navy Blue Angels. He then traveled to New London, CT, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Charles R. England.

In the afternoon, the President met with family members of U.S. military personnel killed in the war on terror. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced that he has appointed Noel J. Francisco as a member of the District of Columbia Commission on Judicial Disabilities and Tenure.

May 24

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in Room 350 of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, he met with the Chinese delegation to the U.S.-China Strategic Economic Dialogue.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a photo opportunity with recipients of the 2006 President's "E" Award and "E" Star Award for Export Achievement.

The President announced his intention to nominate Diane G. Farrell to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

The President announced his intention to nominate Preston M. Geren to be Secretary of the Army.

The President announced his intention to nominate James W. Holsinger, Jr., to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service and Surgeon General of the Public Health Service at the Department of Health and Human Services.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael W. Michalak to be Ambassador to Vietnam.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert Charles Tapella to be the Public Printer.

May 25

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD, where he visited with wounded military personnel and presented Purple Heart medals to five soldiers.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Camp David, MD.

The President declared a major disaster in Kentucky and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, mudslides, and rockslides on April 14–15.

The President declared a major disaster in Rhode Island and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and inland and coastal flooding on April 15–16.

The President declared a major disaster in Iowa and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, and tornadoes on May 5–7.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted May 21

Thomas P. D'Agostino, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, Department of Energy, vice Linton F. Brooks, resigned.

Charles W. Grim, of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, for the term of 4 years (re-appointment).